



By the King.

A Proclamation for the well manning and arming
of the Ships, of, or belonging to this Realme, vpon their
setting foorth to Sea.



Is Maiestie, in His Princely Wisdome, wel weighing what a great encouragement it is, both to his enemies, & the enemies of this State, and vnto Pyrats and Robbers the common Enemies of all Nations, and what an apparant danger it will be to his owne Subjects, if they shall aduenture to set to Sea in these perillous times, being weakely manned, and ill furnished with Armes, to resist and repell such as shall assayle them; in his prouidence and care for the common safetie of his people; Doeth heereby straitly charge and command, That none of his highnesse Subjects, doe at any time hereafter, presume to put to Sea any Ship or Pinnace, of the burthen of Threescore Tunnes or bpwards, out of any Port or Creeke, of or belonging to this Realme of England, vnlesse they furnish the same with seruiceable Muskets and Banderliers, sufficient for the arming at once, of halfe the number of all the Persons or Company, of, and in those Ships: And that they bee also prouided aboard euery such Ship, of a sufficient quantity of Match, and Powder, and Bullets for those Shott, according to the length of their Voyage intended to be made by them. And his Maiesty doth further straitly charge and command, That all such as shall haue the command, of, and in euery such Ship or Pinnace, doe cause their Company whilst they are aboard, to exercise themselves with the said Muskets, vpon such dayes, and at such times, as shall be fit and seasonable for the same; that so by practise they may learne the perfect vse of their Armes. And this to be buely and carefully obserued, vpon paine of his Maiesties high displeasure, and such other penalties and punishments as can or may be inflicted vpon such as shall presume to contemne his Maiesties Royall Command, intended for the safetie of his people.

Giuen at His Maiesties Honour of Hampton Court, this 24. of December, 1625.

God saue the King.

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